



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 199***

LCO No. 1296

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING INDEMNIFICATION OF MUNICIPALITIES FOR  
DEMOLITION CLAIMS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-406 of the 2012 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

4 (a) No person shall demolish any building, structure or part thereof  
5 without obtaining a permit for the particular demolition undertaking  
6 from the building official of the town, city or borough wherein such  
7 building or part thereof is located. No person shall be eligible to  
8 receive a permit under this section unless such person furnishes  
9 [written notice] to the building official: (1) Written notice of financial  
10 responsibility in the form of a certificate of insurance specifying  
11 demolition purposes and providing liability coverage for bodily injury  
12 of at least one hundred thousand dollars per person with an aggregate  
13 of at least three hundred thousand dollars, and for property damage of  
14 at least fifty thousand dollars per accident with an aggregate of at least  
15 one hundred thousand dollars; [each such certificate shall provide that  
16 the town or city and its agents shall be saved harmless from any claim

17 or claims arising out of the negligence of the applicant or his agents or  
 18 employees in the course of the demolition operations;] (2) written  
 19 notice in the form of a certificate of notice executed by all public  
 20 utilities having service connections within the premises proposed to be  
 21 demolished, stating that such utilities have severed such connections  
 22 and service; [and] (3) written notice that he is the holder of a current  
 23 valid license issued under the provisions of section 29-402, except in  
 24 the case of (A) a person who is engaged in the disassembling,  
 25 transportation and reconstruction of historic buildings for historical  
 26 purposes or who is engaged in the demolition of farm buildings or in  
 27 the renovation, alteration or reconstruction of a single-family  
 28 residence, or (B) an owner who is engaged in the demolition of a  
 29 single-family residence or outbuilding, as provided in subsection (c) of  
 30 section 29-402; and (4) a written commitment by the demolition  
 31 contractor that the town or city and its agents shall be saved harmless  
 32 from any claim or claims arising out of the negligence of the applicant  
 33 or the applicant's agents or employees in the course of the demolition  
 34 operations. No permit shall be issued under this section unless signed  
 35 by the owner and the demolition contractor. Each such permit shall  
 36 contain a printed intention on the part of the signers to comply with  
 37 the provisions of this part.

38 (b) In addition to the powers granted pursuant to this part, any  
 39 town, city or borough may impose, by ordinance, a waiting period of  
 40 not more than one hundred eighty days before granting any permit for  
 41 the demolition of any building or structure or any part thereof, except  
 42 when the demolition permit is required for the removal of a structure  
 43 acquired by the Department of Transportation for a transportation  
 44 project.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2012	29-406

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require an applicant for a demolition permit to furnish a written commitment by the demolition contractor that the town or city and its agents will be saved harmless from any claim arising from negligence of the applicant or his agents or employees during the demolition.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*